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LEGION HEADQUARTERS,
THE PLANETOID TALUS...

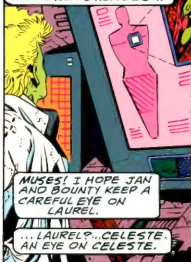
WHAT AM I
DOING HERE?

...FIDDLING AROUND
WITH EXTENSION
PLUGS AND CON-
VERSION SWITCHES...



...WHEN THE MOST IN-
TRIGUING PHENOM-
ENON I'VE SEEN IN
FIVE YEARS HAS BEEN
SHIPPED OFF FOR A
MISSION ON EARTH...

THEY DIDN'T EVEN GIVE
ME A CHANCE TO FORM
A THEORY ABOUT WHERE
THE POWER'S HEADED...



MUSES! I HOPE JAN
AND BOUNTY KEEP A
CAREFUL EYE ON
LAUREL.

...LAUREL?...CELESTE.
AN EYE ON CELESTE.

LAUREL. SHE'S OF NO
CONSEQUENCE.



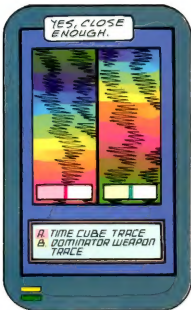
IF THE AND ROND WANT
TO RUN OFF AND...MORE
IMPORTANT MATTERS
DEMAND MY ATTENTION,
SUCH AS JO.

YES, JO...

THOSE RESONANCE
READINGS SHOULD BE
READY BY NOW... AND
IF MY THEORY IS
CORRECT...



YES, CLOSE
ENOUGH.



ROXKAS DIDN'T KILL
JO. HE SENT HIM
BACK IN TIME.



WHICH DOES US DAMN
LITTLE GOOD SINCE I
HAVE NO WAY OF
TRACKING HIM.



ESPECIALLY WITH THE
KHUND-FASTED, HAND-
CRANKED SET-UP I'VE
GOT HERE.

IT LOOKS LIKE ROND
IS ON HIS OWN...

JO JO IS ON
HIS OWN.



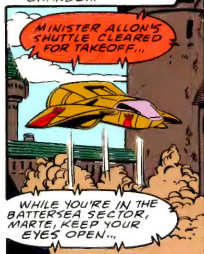
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DAMN IT.

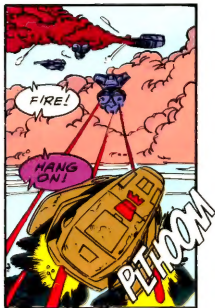
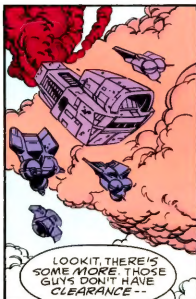


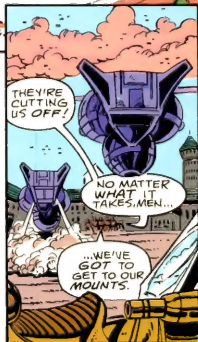
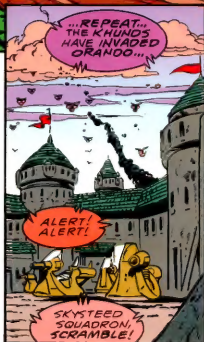
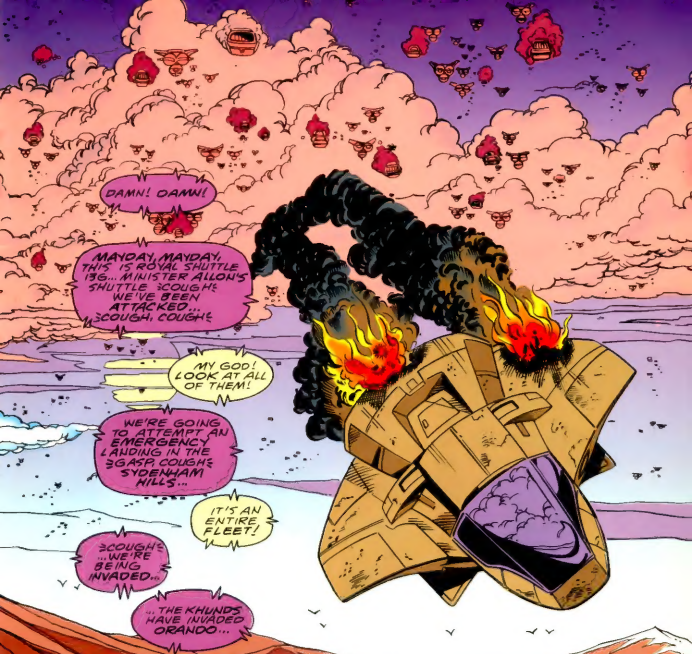


THE ROYAL FORTRESS OF
QUEEN PROJECTRA,
ORANDO...

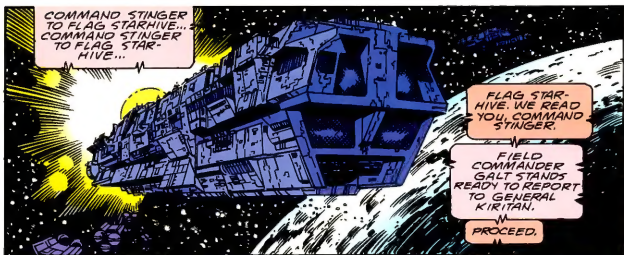


...WE JUST GOT A REPORT
OF SOME UNAUTHORIZED
AIR TRAFFIC UP THERE.







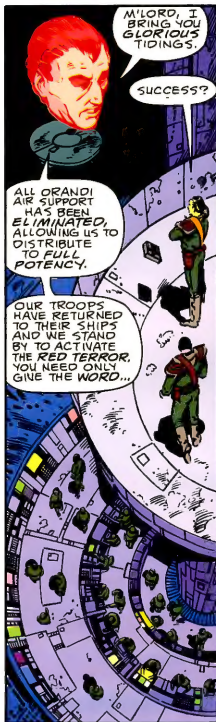


COMMAND STINGER
TO FLAG STARHIVE...
COMMAND STINGER
TO FLAG STAR-
HIVE...

FLAG STAR-
HIVE. WE READ
YOU, COMMAND
STINGER.

FIELD
COMMANDER
GALT STANDS
READY TO REPORT
TO GENERAL
KIRITAN.

PROCEED.



M'LORD, I
BRING YOU
GLORIOUS
TIDINGS.

SUCCESS?

ALL ORANDI
AIR SUPPORT
HAS BEEN
ELIMINATED,
ALLOWING US TO
DISTRIBUTE
TO FULL
POTENCY.

OUR TROOPS
HAVE RETURNED
TO THEIR SHIPS
AND WE STAND
BY TO ACTIVATE
THE RED TERROR.
YOU NEED ONLY
GIVE THE WORD...

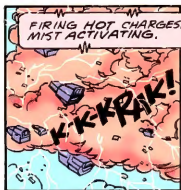


YOUR
ORDERS,
M'LORD?

M'LORD?
THE FLEET IS
STANDING BY...



ACTIVATE.



FIRING HOT CHARGES,
MIST ACTIVATING.



MAINTAIN...

RUMBLE
RUMBLE

WHAT
IN THE
NAME OF



MAINTAIN...

NO.

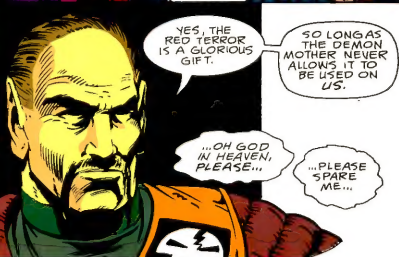
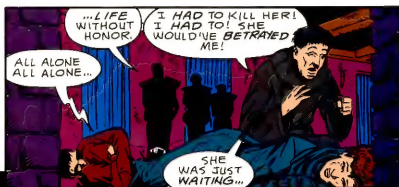
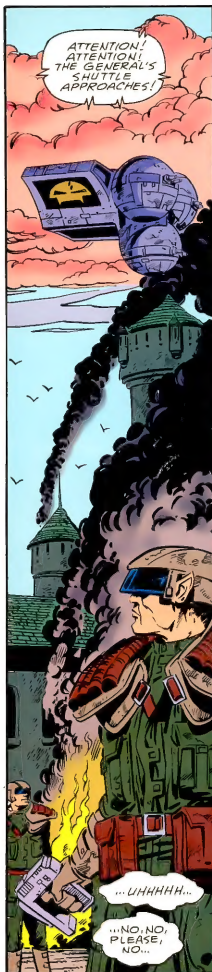
NOOO!
NO, PLEASE!

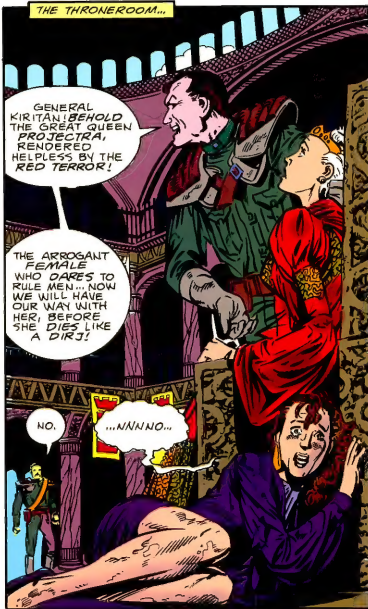


NOW.

FIRING COLD
CHARGES, MISTS
DE-ACTIVATING.

NANNO!





GENERAL KIRITAN! BEHOLD THE GREAT QUEEN PROJESTRA, RENDERED HELPLESS BY THE RED TERROR!

THE ARROGANT FEMALE WHO DARES TO RULE MEN... NOW WE WILL HAVE OUR WAY WITH HER, BEFORE SHE DIES LIKE A DIRJ!

NO.

...NNNNNO...



IT IS NOT THE KHUND WAY TO DISGRACE AN HONORABLE OPPONENT.



HONORABLE--?! THAT KIND OF SENTIMENTALITY DIED OUT WITH ZARYAN!

YOU ARE UNDER STRICT ORDERS TO MAKE EXAMPLES OF ALL OPPOSITION LEADERS!

...WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE...



MY ORDERS ARE NO CONCERN OF YOURS, GALT!



THIS ARMY IS UNDER MY COMMAND! AND AS LONG AS IT IS, WE WILL ACT LIKE KHUNDS!

...yes...

...m'lord...

...PLEASE, PLEASE SPARE ME...

...ORACLES SAVE US...

WEBER'S WORLD, SEAT OF THE UNITED PLANETS...

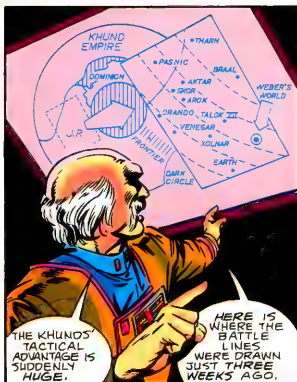
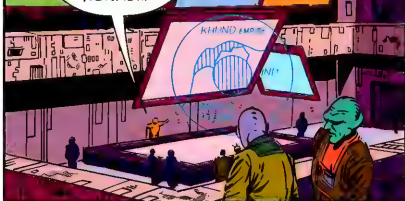


I'M AFRAID THE NEWS FROM ORANDO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS NOT GOOD...

THE KHUNDS ARE FIGHTING WITH A RELIGIOUS FERVOR WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. THIS IS NOT JUST A WAR TO THEM; IT'S BECOME A HOLY CRUSADE!

AND THEIR WEAPON, THIS SO-CALLED RED TERROR, ...GOD KNOWS WHERE IT CAME FROM OR HOW IN HELL IT WORKS...

...BUT IT'S EVERY BIT AS DEVASTATING AS INTELLIGENCE FEARED...



THE KHUNDS' TACTICAL ADVANTAGE IS SUDDENLY HUGE.

HERE IS WHERE THE BATTLE LINES WERE DRAWN JUST THREE WEEKS AGO.

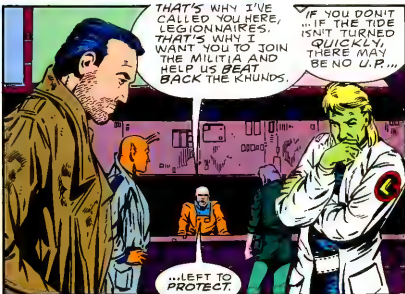
NOW THEY'VE OVERRUN NEARLY HALF THE TERRITORY BETWEEN THE OLD FRONTIER AND WEBER'S WORLD.



PLANETS ARE SURRENDERING WITHOUT RESISTANCE, RATHER THAN FACE THE RED TERROR. U.P. WORLDS ARE ABANDONING SUPPORT OF THE MILITIA TO DEFEND THEIR OWN WORLDS.



IT'S NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THE ENTIRE U.P. COULD FALL IN A MATTER OF WEEKS.



THAT'S WHY I'VE CALLED YOU HERE, LEGIONNAIRES. THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE MILITIA AND HELP US BEAT BACK THE KHUNDS.

IF YOU DON'T ...IF THE TIDE ISN'T TURNED QUICKLY, THERE MAY BE NO U.P....

...LEFT TO PROTECT.



I KNOW NONE OF YOU SIGNED ON TO GO TO WAR. WE'RE NOT SOLDIERS. WE'RE LEGIONNAIRES. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.

BUT KING JOHN'S APPEAL MADE A LOT OF SENSE. WE'RE LOOKING AT A TOUGH DECISION, AND I NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU FOLKS THINK.



THAT'S NOT TOUGH! WE SHOULD KICK THEIR WARTY BUTTS OUT OF THE GALAXY.



I SWORE I'D NEVER GO TO WAR AGAIN, AND I MEANT IT. BUT I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY CHOICE.

WHAT'S RIGHT IS RIGHT.

WELL, FOLKS, DON'T FORGET THIS ISN'T PARADES AND FIFE MUSIC WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.



UNDERSTAND THAT IF WE COMMIT TO THIS, WE MAY NOT ALL MAKE IT BACK.

TRUE.

AGREED.

BUT IT'S A RISK WE'RE PREPARED TO TAKE, ROKK.



OKAY, WE'VE HEARD THE "AYES."

ANYONE NOT WITH US ON THIS? NOW'S THE TIME TO PIPE UP.



LOOK, WE APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO SPEAK OUR MINDS, CHAM, BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION WHERE THE TEAM STANDS.

SHOULDN'T WE JUST GET ON WITH IT?



AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL CERTAIN. CHAM AND I AREN'T GOING TO BE ON THE FRONT LINES LIKE YOU FOLKS.

WE COULDN'T MAKE THE DECISION FOR YOU.

GALLAN, A FORMER U.P. WORLD, INDEPENDENT SINCE THE GREAT COLLAPSE...



...HEY, BUDDY, CAN YA SPARE A...

...PILLS... CIGS...

...YEAH?... WELL, SAME TO YOU, JERK...



...CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED...

LOOKING FOR A LIFT?

...NO NEED TO JEOPARDIZE OUR ARRANGEMENT...

...LISTEN, PAL... THE DEAL WAS FOR TEN THOUSAND... NOT A CREDIT MORE...

AS LONG AS YOU'RE GOING MY WAY...



NO TAILS OR SPY-EYES. YOU'RE GOOD.

IF I WASN'T, I'D BE DEAD.

NOW... SHALL WE EXCHANGE COUNTERSIGNS, MR. DAGGLE?

I THINK WE CAN DISPENSE WITH THE FORMALITIES, ORLAK. MY SOURCES SAY YOU CAN BE TRUSTED. AND MY SOURCES ARE VERY GOOD.

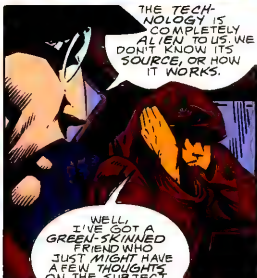


SO WHAT HAVE YOU GOT FOR ME?

JUST A FEW SOUVENIRS FROM MY BRETHREN ON KHUNDIA.

ONE OF THEIR BLASTERS AND A SAMPLE OF THE RED TERROR FORMULA.

EXCELLENT.



THE TECHNOLOGY IS COMPLETELY ALIEN TO US. WE DON'T KNOW ITS SOURCE, OR HOW IT WORKS.

WELL, I'VE GOT A GREEN-SKINNED FRIEND WHO JUST MIGHT HAVE A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT...



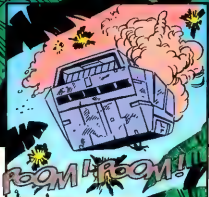
VENEGAR, CAPITAL
OF A SMALL EMPIRE
WITHIN U.P. BORDERS...

GET
'EM!
KILL
'EM!

FORWARD, MEN!
FORWARD!

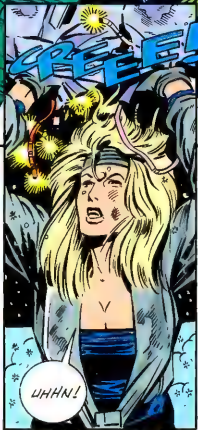
OVERRUN
THE LEGION
BASE! OVERRUN
IT OR THE SHE-
DEMON GAND
DESTROYS US
ALL!

SHANK! SHANK!
POOM!
SHANK!
SBLAM!

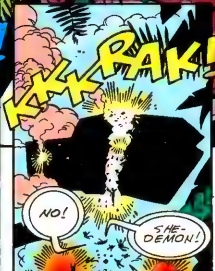


ROOM! ROOM!
DIRTY, DAMNABLE
POISON! BUT YOU
WON'T GET ENOUGH
OF IT INTO THE
ATMOSPHERE IF
I HAVE ANYTHING
TO SAY ABOUT IT!

AND EVEN IF
YOU DO...



UHHN!

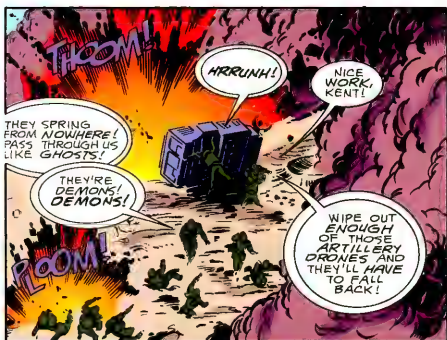


NO!

SHE-
DEMON!

THE
MISTS!
THEY'LL
DESTROY
US!

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO
ACTIVATE IT UNLESS YOU
WANT TO USE IT ON AS
MANY KHANDS AS
HUMANS...



EVERYBODY IN!
WE'VE GOT TO
SEAL THAT DOOR!
WE'VE GOT ABOUT
FIFTEEN
SECONDS!

SEAL IT!
SEAL IT!
WE'RE ALL
IN!

OH,
MAN...OH
SHUK...

VIOLET?!
HOW BAD
IS IT?!

BAD
ENOUGH!

IT'S
REAL
BAD,
BRAINY.

AND FUR-
BALL'S NEXT
IN LINE, HE
GOT DINGED
PRETTY GOOD
--LEG AND
ABDOMEN!

UHHH
UHHHN.

OH, MAN.
AHN--

...oh
spirits...

AHHH,
NNNN!

...please just
take me
from this...

uh...uhn...
oh, man...
oh, man...

THOSE STUPID
BLOODY SAVAGES!
VI'LL BE TOO
TOUGH FOR 'EM!
SHE'LL BE OKAY!

...KENT,
YOU'RE NOT
SERIOUS...

...I'VE GOT
TO, AYLA...THE
LEG CAN'T BE
SAVED...

OH, NO!
OH, VI!

GENERAL KIRITAN.
A CALL COMING
IN FROM FIELD
COMMANDER GALT.

...HE REPORTS
HUNDREDS OF
KHUND TROOPS
WERE EXPOSED
ON THE PLANET
SURFACE DURING
ACTIVATION

NO!

WHAT?! HOW--
WHY WASN'T
THIS REPORTED
SOONER?!

IT'S OKAY, SIR. THEY
HAVE WAR MASKS.

WAR MASKS?! AGAINST
THE TERROR?!

NOOO!

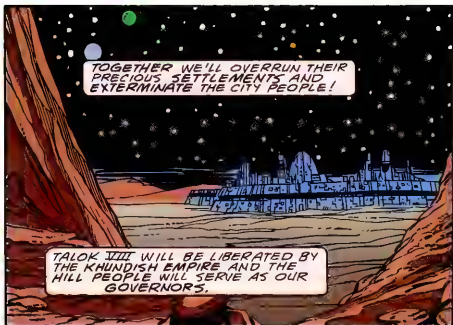
DEMON
MOTHER!
SAVE
US!

DAMN
MY SOUL
AND TAKE
ME!

THEY MIGHT JUST AS WELL
HAVE BEEN WEARING VEILS!

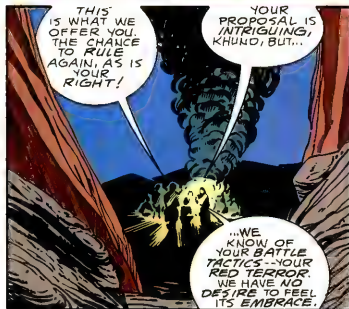


OUR ARMIES WILL
ATTACK FROM
THE SKY. YOUR
WARRIORS WILL
ATTACK ON THE
GROUND.



TOGETHER WE'LL OVERRUN THEIR
PRECIOUS SETTLEMENTS AND
EXTERMINATE THE CITY PEOPLE!

TALOK VIII WILL BE LIBERATED BY
THE KHUNDISH EMPIRE AND THE
HILL PEOPLE WILL SERVE AS OUR
GOVERNORS.



THIS
IS WHAT WE
OFFER YOU.
THE CHANCE
TO RULE
AGAIN, AS IS
YOUR
RIGHT!

YOUR
PROPOSAL IS
INTRIGUING,
KHUND, BUT...

...WE
KNOW OF
YOUR BATTLE
TACTICS--YOUR
RED TERROR.
WE HAVE NO
DESIRE TO FEEL
ITS EMBRACE.

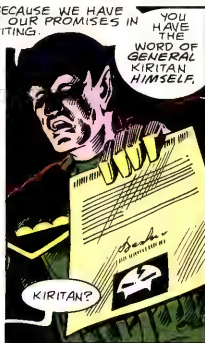


NOR SHALL YOU.
THESE WAR MASKS
WILL PROTECT YOUR
WARRIORS.

YOUR
ENEMIES
WILL SUCCEUM
TO THE TERROR
AND YOU WILL
TRAMPLE THEM.



YOUR PROMISES
ENTICE, MY
FRIEND, BUT
KHUNDS ARE
RENOINED
FOR THEIR
RUTHLESS
TREACHERY.
HOW DO WE
KNOW YOU'LL
KEEP YOUR
WORD?



BECAUSE WE HAVE
PUT OUR PROMISES IN
WRITING.

YOU
HAVE
THE
WORD OF
GENERAL
KIRITAN
HIMSELF.

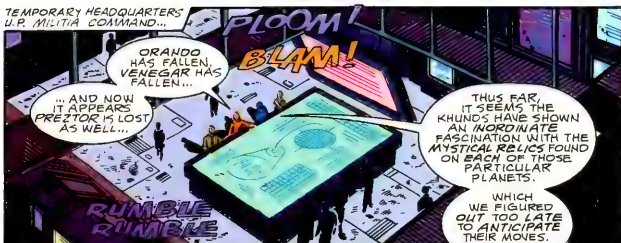
KIRITAN?



KIRITAN
FOUGHT WITH
ZARYAN.

HE
WILL KEEP
HIS WORD.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS
U.P. MILITIA COMMAND...



ORANDO
HAS FALLEN.
VENEGAR HAS
FALLEN...

... AND NOW
IT APPEARS
PREZTOR IS LOST
AS WELL...

THUS FAR,
IT SEEMS THE
KHUNDS HAVE SHOWN
AN INORDINATE
FASCINATION WITH THE
MYSTICAL RELICS FOUND
ON EACH OF THOSE
PARTICULAR
PLANETS.

WHICH
WE FIGURED
OUT TOO LATE
TO ANTICIPATE
THEIR MOVES.

BUT WE'VE GOT
ANOTHER CHANCE,
LEGIONNAIRES...



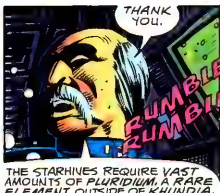
IT SEEMS
THE KHUNDS'
STARHIVES HAVE A
VERY LIMITED RANGE...

THEY--



BLAST IT.
THEY, UH... CAN WE
GET THE LIGHTS BACK?

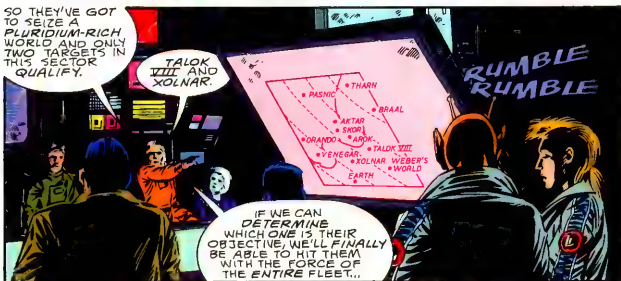
THANK
YOU.



THE STARHIVES REQUIRE VAST
AMOUNTS OF PLURIDIUM, A RARE
ELEMENT OUTSIDE OF KHUNDIA.

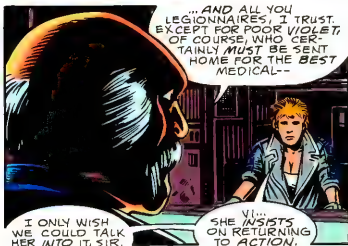
SO THEY'VE GOT
TO SEIZE A
PLURIDIUM-RICH
WORLD AND ONLY
TWO TARGETS IN
THIS SECTOR
QUALIFY.

TALOK
VIII AND
XOLNAR.



IF WE CAN
DETERMINE
WHICH ONE IS THEIR
OBJECTIVE, WE'LL FINALLY
BE ABLE TO HIT THEM
WITH THE FORCE OF
THE ENTIRE FLEET...

... AND ALL YOU
LEGIONNAIRES, I TRUST.
EXCEPT FOR POOR VIOLET,
OF COURSE, WHO CER-
TAINLY MUST BE SENT
HOME FOR THE BEST
MEDICAL--



I ONLY WISH
WE COULD TALK
HER INTO IT, SIR.

V.I...
SHE INSISTS
ON RETURNING
TO ACTION.

SHE
WHAT
?!

THEY'VE
CUT OFF
HER DAMN
LEG...



AND SHE
WANTS TO
RETURN TO
ACTION.

THE OUTPOST
WORLD OF
XOLNAR, HOME
OF THE U.P.
MILITIA
ACADEMY...



I ASSURE YOU, MRS. TAINE,
MR. TAINE... YOUR WORK HERE
IS CONSIDERED OF CRITICAL
IMPORTANCE TO THE MILITIA.
WE WOULD NEVER ALLOW
OUR TRAINING ACADEMY
TO FALL.

AS LONG AS THERE'S
ANY CHANCE OF XOLNAR
BEING A KHUND TARGET,
AN ENTIRE DIVISION WILL
REMAIN HERE.

YOU AND YOUR
CADETS WILL NEVER
FACE THE KHUNDS
ALONE.

LOOK, BRADEN,
WE'RE NOT SAYING
THESE KIDS AREN'T
GREAT...

BEST DARN
CLASS OF
RECRUITS WE'VE
EVER HAD.

IT'S JUST THAT YOU CAN'T SEND CHILDREN INTO BATTLE UNPREPARED.

YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE A LOT OF PROMISING YOUNG SOLDIERS BEFORE THEY EVEN HAVE A CHANCE OF SURVIVING.

BELIEVE ME, MR. AND MRS. TAINÉ, YOUR CONCERNS ARE OUR CONCERNS. YOUR ACADEMY WILL BE PROTECTED.

AND NOW, I BELIEVE WE BOTH HAVE DUTIES TO TEND TO. SO IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

OF COURSE

I DON'T KNOW, CHUCK. I GET THE FEELING OUR KIDS ARE BEING TREATED LIKE LITTLE PAWNS ON A GIANT CHESSBOARD.

YEAH, WELL, I GUESS WAR'S LIKE THAT, LUORNU.

GENERAL TAINÉ, YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?

YES. JED, YOU AND BERTA ARE GOING TO ORGANIZE A SERIES OF PATROLS OF THE PLANET.

AS YOU CAN SEE, BERTA'S ALREADY--
AH!!-- GETTING THE FIRST PATROL ORGANIZED.

DO YOU CALL THOSE BOOTS POLISHED, MISTER?

UH...
...I GUESS SO, MA'AM...

I GUESS NOT, MISTER! YOU CAN GIVE ME FIFTY!

...33
...34
...35...

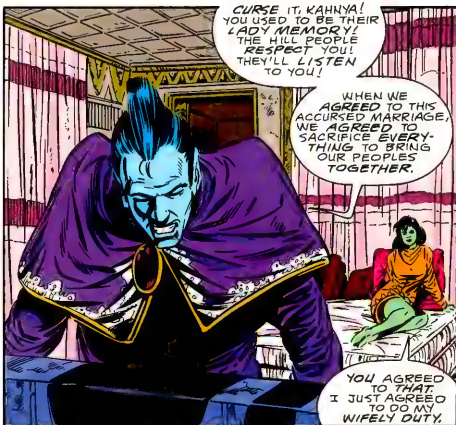
SHE'LL WHIP THOSE SPRIGLETS INTO SHAPE. SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE LOOKING FOR, MA'AM?

KHUNDS, JED. ANY SIGN OF 'EM. ANYTHING.

IF THE KHUNDS HAVE US IN THEIR SIGHTS, I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT BEFORE THE KHUNDS DO.

LYDEA, CAPITAL
CITY OF TALOK
VIII ...

WHO...ME? THE
SWEET, SUBMISSIVE
WIFE OF THE
PLANETARY PRO-
TECTOR? NOW
WHO'S GOING TO
LISTEN TO ME?



CURSE IT, KAHNYA!
YOU USED TO BE THEIR
LADY MEMORY!
THE HILL PEOPLE
RESPECT YOU!
THEY'LL LISTEN
TO YOU!

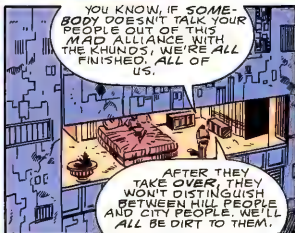
WHEN WE
AGREED TO THIS
ACCURSED MARRIAGE,
WE AGREED TO
SACRIFICE EVERY-
THING TO BRING
OUR PEOPLES
TOGETHER.

YOU AGREED
TO THAT.
I JUST AGREED
TO DO MY
WIFELY DUTY.



AND
SPEAKING OF WHICH...

COME TO
BED, GREV,
HONEY.



YOU KNOW, IF SOME-
BODY DOESN'T TALK YOUR
PEOPLE OUT OF THIS
MAD ALLIANCE WITH
THE KHUNDS, WE'RE ALL
FINISHED. ALL OF
US.

AFTER THEY
TAKE OVER, THEY
WON'T DISTINGUISH
BETWEEN HILL PEOPLE
AND CITY PEOPLE. WE'LL
ALL BE DIRTY TO THEM.

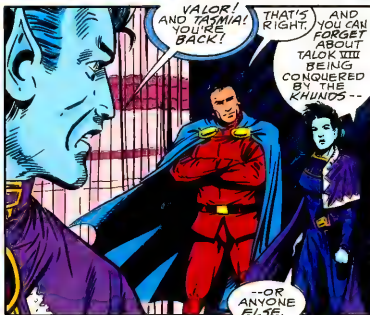


YOU'RE SO
CUTE WHEN
YOU'RE
DESPONDENT.

ANCESTORS!
IT'S REALLY
GOING TO
HAPPEN!

TALOK VIII
IS REALLY
GOING TO BE
CONQUERED!

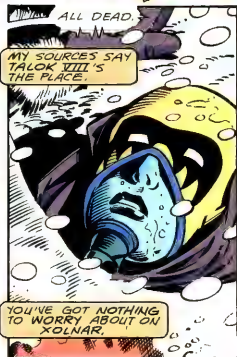
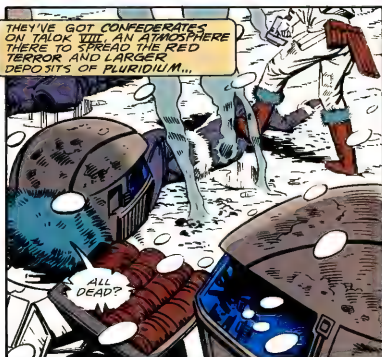
I WOULDN'T
COUNT ON
THAT, GREV.



VALOR!
AND TASMA!
YOU'RE
BACK!

THAT'S RIGHT, AND
YOU CAN
FORGET
ABOUT
TALOK VIII
BEING
CONQUERED
BY THE KHUNDS--

--OR
ANYONE
ELSE.

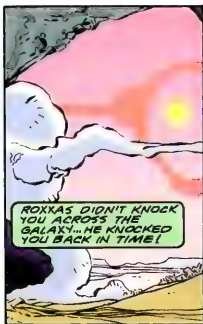




RIMBOR...

BRILLIANT DEDUCTIVE REASONING, JO.

JUST A BRILLIANT
PIECE OF DAMN
DEDUCTIVE
REASONING.



ROKKAS DIDN'T KNOCK
YOU ACROSS THE
GALAXY... HE KNOCKED
YOU BACK IN TIME!



AND NOT JUST A LITTLE
BIT BACK IN TIME. FIVE
THOUSAND YEARS BACK.
A MERE 45 HUNDRED
YEARS BEFORE RIMBOR
IS SETTLED!

AND AT LEAST TWO OR
THREE THOUSAND
AFTER THE OLD CIVIL-
IZATION DIED OUT!



THESE RUINS--THEY'RE
EVEN OLDER, MORE
PRIMITIVE, THAN THE
ONES THEY BUILT
LIBERTY CITY OVER.

ALL BY MYSELF I
FIGURED IT OUT:
THERE AIN'T A SOUL
ALIVE ON THIS
PLANET.



ALL BY MYSELF.

YEAH, JO, YOU'RE
A REGULAR
DETECTIVE.



IT'S JUST TOO DAMN BAD
YOU DIDN'T THINK OF ANY
OF THIS UNTIL AFTER
THAT BOTCHED LANDING
SMASHED YOUR TRANS-
PORTATION INTO A
MILLION BITS.



GRIPE! FIVE
THOUSAND
YEARS!

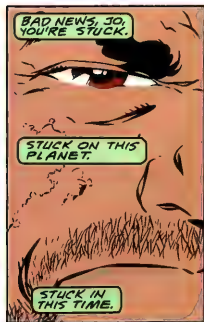
I REALLY WAS
ON KHUNDIA!

JUST BACK BEFORE THE
KHUNDIAN REVOLT!
SHEZ! THE KHUNDIAN
REVOLT!



THE MOST ADVANCED
CIVILIZATIONS OF THIS
ERA CAN BARELY MAKE
IT FROM ONE STAR TO
ANOTHER.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF
TIME TRAVEL WON'T BE
UNRAVELLED FOR
THOUSANDS OF YEARS.



BAD NEWS, JO,
YOU'RE STUCK.

STUCK ON THIS
PLANET.

STUCK IN
THIS TIME.

ELIA, HOMEWORLD OF
THE DOMINION...

WE'VE ISSUED STATE-
MENT AFTER STATE-
MENT DENYING
RROXXAS'S CHARGES.

WE'VE FABRICATED
EVIDENCE THAT
TOTALLY CONTRA-
DICTS HIS RRANTINGS.

AAND?

THE HUMANS DO
NOT BELIEVE US.

THEEE UNRRREST...
HOW SERRIOUSS
ISS IT?

IT'SS EVERY-
WHERE. THIS'SS
JUST ONE REGION
OF METROPOLIS'S
WE'RR LOOKING AT.
WE SSCREENED
OUT THE MINOR
DISTURBANCES...

AND HERE'SS
A LIST OF THE
CENTERRSS OF
COMPARABLE
UPRRISSINGSS...

ADEN
ADDIS ABAB
AGUASCALIENTES
AHMEDABAD
ALGIERS
ALEXANDRIA
AMSTERDAM
ANCHORAGE
ANKARA
ANTANANARI
APPENINE CI

SCROLL DOWN

HAAALT.

OURR SSTRATEGIC
POSITION...
CURRENTLYYY?

...IS QUITE
SSTRONG. TWO
ADDITIONAL BATTLE
WAGGONSS ARRE
MOVING INTO ORBIT
ARROUND EARRTH.

WE WILL SSOON BE
IN A POSITION TO
EXTINGUISH THE
UNRRREST.

IF THE ONE
THINKSS THAT
WOULD BE
WISSE...

OH HH,
YESSS.

IT IS
TIMME...
TO RRE-
MMOVE
THE
VVELVET
GLOVE...

AAND SSHOW
THE HUMANSS... WHO
THEIRR
MASSTERRSS
ARE...

NOWW THEY
FFINALLY DECIDE
...TOO SSTRAND UP
FORR THEMM-
SSSELVESS.

FORR A THHOUSAND
YEARSS WE'VE
COVETTED THEIRR
PLANET...

I WILL BE
DAMMMED... IF
I WILL LLET THEMM...
HAVE THEIRR
WWORRLD BACK
NOW.



EARTH...

BUT DIRK! THOSE
ARE KHANDS OUT
THERE!

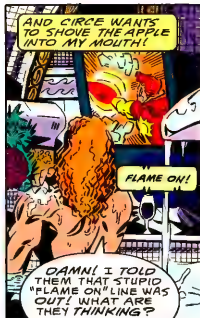


'EAAH? WELL, THOSE
ARE MY FRIENDS
THEY'VE CAPTURED!

AND I'M GOING TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

WHAT THE HELL AM
I GOING TO SAY?
THEY'LL STRING ME
UP AND ROAST ME!

THE PEOPLE OF
EARTH NEED SOME-
BODY TO BARBECUE!



AND CIRCE WANTS
TO SHOVE THE APPLE
INTO MY MOUTH!

FLAME ON!

DAMN! I TOLD
THEM THAT STUPID
"FLAME ON" LINE WAS
OUT! WHAT ARE
THEY THINKING?



'SUN BOY' WILL BE BACK AFTER
THESE MESSAGES...

AHH, WHAT THE HELL
DIFFERENCE DOES IT
MAKE ANYMORE? MY
SHOW IS FINISHED.
I'M FINISHED. EARTH-
GOV IS FINISHED.

GOD,
MORGNA!



...DON'T YOU
EVER GET
TIRED OF
WATCHING
YOURSELF?

CIRCE, I, UH,
I'VE BEEN
THINKING ABOUT
THAT SPEECH
YOU WANTED
ME TO MAKE...

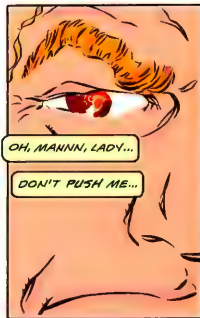
WHAT
ABOUT
IT?



IT'S JUST
THAT... IT'S
NOT GOING
TO WORK...

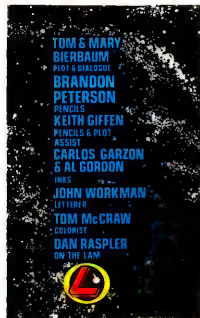
THE PEOPLE
ARE OUT FOR
BLOOD, AND...

MORGNA.
JUST
DO WHAT
YOU'RE TOLD.



OH, MANNN, LADY...

DON'T PUSH ME...



TOM & MARY
BIERBAUM

PILOT & DIALOGUE

BRANDON
PETERSON

PENCILS

KEITH GIFFEN

PENCILS & PLOT

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The Office of the 83rd Lord Mayor

April 11, 2993

Cipriana Cocheta, Madame High Priestess of the Yakka-Mahor, Spiritual Leader of the Hill People and My Friend:

It is done. Praise the Ancestors, he has agreed.

Lord Grev Mallor, the youngest of the line of Shadow-casters and a champion of the City People, has agreed to wed Mistress Kahrya Nahtahnle, Lady Memory of the Yakka-Mahor. A ceremony is now being planned for August 14 at the Cathedral of the Ancestors and we hopefully anticipate the first public ceremony ever attended by all ranking dignitaries of both the Hill People and the City People.

We have convinced Lord Mallor of the symbolic importance of this wedding—citing our hope that such a marriage will serve as a symbol to all Talokians of the unity that must bind the Talokian race if it is to survive these difficult times. Lord Mallor also understands our hopes that this union will produce an heir to both his shadow-casting abilities and Mistress Nahtahnle's racial memory, starting a new line of more powerful champions belonging to all the Talokian people.

We are profoundly indebted to you for persuading the willful Mistress Nahtahnle to agree to the union. We can only assume that her initial resistance was as great as Lord Mallor's. The bitter feud between the Mallors and Mistress Nahtahnle serves as an unhappy symbol of the centuries of hatred and bloodshed that have divided our race. Let their marriage stand as a new, hopeful symbol of the peace and good will that can rule the Talok VIII of the 31st century and beyond.

Beyond doubt the young couple will experience difficult times as they adjust to this arrangement. We are confident you will continue to provide Mistress Nahtahnle with your wise counsel and support to help her understand the importance of this marriage growing into a contented, blissful relationship to be admired by all Talokians. We pledge to do nothing less with Lord Mallor.

I look forward to meeting with you regularly to carefully plan and execute this ceremony of such vital importance.

I thank you for your list of proposed foreign dignitaries and sovereigns to be invited, and would suggest only the addition of Orando's Queen Projectra. As you know, that planet has recently been returned to its strategically important position in this sector and she has reassumed the throne there. It is my evaluation that her influence in regional affairs cannot be overestimated.

I have every confidence we will stage a ceremony that will make the bold symbolic statement this divided planet needs. May our prayers and dreams of a lasting peace become a reality.

Your ally in peace.

Wervos Bonner

Wervos Bonner
83rd Lord Mayor, Talok City



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PREVIOUSLY

The economic collapse that hit the United Planets in 2989 has allowed the warrior Khund race to overrun fully one-third of the U.P., and only an intense effort by the U.P. militia and Legionnaire Laurel Gand has slowed their progress.

Meanwhile the Legion of Super-Heroes has re-formed and is now in the process of moving into an old salvage station donated as a headquarters by former member Garth Ranzz (Lightning Lad).

Earlier, Jo Nah (formerly Ultra Boy) was blasted to parts unknown by Roxxas shortly before the killer's capture.

Some of you long-time readers might remember the Mort Weisinger SUPER-BOY/LSH letter columns of the early '70s that were often filled largely with lists of names and brief quotes. For you, this column will certainly have a nostalgic feel. With tons of letters on both the annual and issue #11 to cover this time, we had no choice but to start summarizing lots of points in the old Weisinger style under our "Bits of Legionnaire Business" heading.

But in the meantime there is room for a few letters, so let's dive right in...

Dear Creative Team,

The DC annuals this year have generally been excellent. The best one by far, for me, was the Legion Annual. It had a beautiful cover and a brilliant, grandiose story, which helped to fill in many of the continuity questions that are now flying around. But the nicest thing for me was that it gave us the *real* Legion. By that I mean the super-hero group that I've loved for years. It had the beautiful, distinctive costumes, the exciting codenames, the grand operation of things.

The new series is interesting but is totally different from the old Legion and should operate as a separate entity. That way DC has two series and makes a lot of people happy, especially me (not to mention employing extra staff to do the work).

Best wishes,

Peter Hayward-Brewer
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Fulham, London SW6 5PQ
England

We'd certainly love to do two Legion books, one telling the current tales and one covering untold adventures of the old costumed, code-named group. In fact, that's been the plan from time to time; but for now, the first book is keeping the team busy enough, so the proposed spinoff series has been moved to the back burner.

Dear Creators and Destroyers of the New Legion,

I've often wanted to write to this new book, but after reading Annual #1, I figured I could no longer suppress my thoughts: is this what happens when Keith Giffen is left on the sidelines?

This is the most destructive turn I've ever seen taken by a storyline with so much potential. Sure, there were some things we readers needed to know. Unfortunately, most of those questions were either answered with little discretion or they weren't answered at all.

Questions now needing to be answered because of this annual:

Why is Ultra boy competing with Reflecto? Would you ever have depicted Sensor Girl and Princess Projectra competing? (Yes, it does look *that* stupid!)

Why does it look as though Lar and Laurel shop at "Super Suits 4 Siblings"?

Why, with all the flashbacks here, wasn't Lar Gand's appearance shown as well?

Why "Valor"? (Yuck! Why not "Courage"? According to Roget, it means the same, and sounds just as bad.)

Why work on Ultra Boy? His character needed no development whatsoever, while those of Kono, Roxxas and others are screaming for it.

And why try to rush the Lar Gand thing anyway? With Gand in LEGION '90 now, you had plenty of time to structure a story that would be foolproof, both in his leaving the 20th century and entering the 30th, by a nap in the Phantom Zone, a time-bump from Glorith, or what have you. But instead you've opened up the story and followed through with nothing, leaving us all up in the air.

I have been a worshipper of the Legion ever since the Great Darkness Saga, and I believe that after you praised Paul Levitz for his brilliant Pocket Universe ideas, this is the most blasphemous story you could ever print, showing no respect to him or the now-novel issue #50. I have never seen a story that lost more continuity than this one.

I pray that Keith Giffen can dig you out of this pit and I truly believe this never could've happened with Keith's supervision. But with all due respect, I don't think even he can save this book now.

Regrettably yours,

Chris E. Jensen

The Legion's Once-Largest Fan

Reaction to the annual was decidedly mixed, which is the risk you take with any story that attempts as much as this one did. But the pleased readers continue to significantly outweigh the displeased readers.

Incidentally, Keith WAS fully aware of

the annual's content and approved of it, though the ultimate blame and credit for the story must still go to us.

Why did Jo compete with Reflecto for Legion membership? True, an early '80s story showed Jo assuming the Reflecto persona, but we've always believed there was a real Reflecto upon which that transformation was based. And by the way, that twist has been part of Legion continuity since SECRET ORIGINS #42.

To All Involved:

Having just finished LSH #11, I feel obliged to drop you a note and tell you how much I enjoy this title. I feel that it is one of the best super-hero books being published today.

I admit the first issues were more than a little confusing, but I liked that. It can be refreshing to pick up a monthly book that requires a little concentration to read. Unfortunately, the realities of publishing seem to have put a quick end to the density of those first few issues. At least you're still keeping things on the edge.

Also, I know that letter columns are supposed to give a representative sampling of the letters received, but can we knock it off with the "I hate what you've done to my Legion" letters? They're saying they aren't buying the book anyway, and the rest of us know they're out there, so let's let them sell by themselves, okay? I know it's hard for you guys to get those letters, because no one likes to alienate others. Look at the bright side, though: you've got me, and I'm a new reader who would've dropped the book if it were just the same as it had been the last 30 years.

I won't take up any more of your time. Thanks for putting out an interesting title.

Take care,

Marc Kevin Hall

% Kavenawee Fantasies

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As you can see, we continue to print negative letters, but we're striving to get beyond the critiques that say little more than just "I hate what you've done to my Legion."

LARGE BITS OF LEGIONNAIRE BUSINESS

• Dozens of readers noticed and were confused by the appearance of Superboy fighting alongside the Legion against Mor-dru on page 34 of the annual. Among the scores to point out the apparent goof were Andrew B. Wright of Shelton, CT; D.Finkelstein of Philadelphia; Michael Lee, Berkeley Vale, NSW, Australia; Wayne Bass and Bob Friedland of Marlboro, NJ; Dave Dykema of Toledo, OH; Francis Uy and Michael Chary, address unknown;

and Scott Petersen of Mequon, WI.

In fact, we'd clearly stated in *LEGION* #4 that Supes was being wiped out of our continuity. What you readers of the annual couldn't have known at that time was that delicate, high-level negotiations have reinscribed Superboy into a narrow slice of the Legion's history, as plainly obfuscated in #13. But crossed signals had some of the team thinking Superboy was back in the *entire* continuity, so he showed up in that scene.

It's currently our intention to keep Superboy's role in the history to a minimum, with just a token bit of Legion interaction prior to the Superman crossover that's a necessary part of the 20th-century history. Our feeling is that the events of #4-6 are a little too fresh to be undone in such a serious way at this early date. But time may change that and, in any event, we look forward to what will no doubt be a lively debate on the question.

• A long list of readers, including Robert Kowalski of Detroit; Willard B. Taylor Jr. of Seat Pleasant, MD; Shawn Evans of Cicero, IL; Steve Wright of Hodgenville, KY; and Joe Jackson Frazer of Pegram, TN, also pointed out that the annual's scene of Shanghalla (p. 51) strongly implied that both Duo Damsel bodies were killed in the fight with Glorith. As is obvious by this issue, Luornu's last body remains alive and well.

• Speaking of Luornu, a lot of you, including Sean Sinclair of Kensington, MD; Mark Place of Eastman, WI; and Evan Jones of Weston, Ontario, questioned why she participated in this new version of the conspiracy (chronicled in the old timeline in the previous series' #50), when her original involvement in the previous conspiracy was attributed to the murder of Superboy, on whom she'd had a crush in her teens.

Our response? As Mark suggests, we've hinted (and are surprised how few readers have picked up on it) that in this timeline, Luornu had the same kind of crush on Valor that she'd had on Superboy previously. And we feel Glorith's sin against Valor (the destruction of Daxam and virtual genocide of its people) is as likely to stir a thirst for vengeance as was Superboy's murder.

Beyond that, we like to think that real, three-dimensional people are motivated by forces far more complex than infatuations and other personal ties.

• Another question being raised about the annual is why the Legionnaires, particularly Brainy and Jo, weren't able to recognize and trace the time disturbance Glorith used to send Tinya back to the 20th century. That query was posed by, among others, Anthony Gallagher of Melbourne, Australia. Our feeling has been that Glorith, now precisely aware of Jo's and Brainy's level of awareness, had no problem covering her tracks and giving every appearance that Tinya was killed by the explosion Jo witnessed.

• Anthony also was discerning enough to realize we ran one of our quotes on page 23 of #11 (the one that shows Jo traveling through a bizarre light show) out of order. It was the "Sonic Assassins" line, which should have come *after* the "foul perverted scheme" quote. And Anthony is one of the few readers so far to have figured out the significance and logical order of those quotes. Any more guesses?

• Tenzil Kern may be a ratings smash in the 30th century, but he and the humorous tone of issue #11 certainly didn't rate well with such readers as Howard Stangroom of London, England (who feels the lack of Legion-history precedence for the humorous interpretation of Tenzil made the story "forced, shallow and contemptuous"); Lynn Eaton of Doncaster, South Yorkshire, England; Scott Petersen of Mequon, WI; Don Lamb of Little Rock, AR; Jon Arndt of Lancaster, OH; Alan "Just Escaped From The Asylum" Page of New Orleans; Jeff Limke, address withheld; Anthony Gallagher of Melbourne, Australia; Steve Wright of Hodgenville, KY; and Jim Kelly of Valley Stream, NY (who writes, "...LSH #11 was not only a disappointment, it was also an insult...I hope that an issue written like this one never appears in this series again").

• Actually, the majority of the mail on the Tenzil story in #11 was positive, though Simon Delmonte of Queens, NY; Dave Dursley of Clifton, Bristol, England; and Jack Abramowitz of Brooklyn, NY all suggested it was fun to do once, but requested that we not try it again anytime soon.

• And some were thoroughly amused by Tenzil's misadventures, including Mary Catelli of Poughkeepsie, NY; Sherman Treese of Shreveport, LA; Troy Schoeneberger of Mankato, MN; Martin Gray of London, England; Alan Sepinwall of Pine Brook, NJ (who calls #11 "the single funniest comic I have ever read"); Philip Barrett of London, England; Michael Zapic of Hyde Park, NY; Tom J. Campbell of Madison, WI; Jeff Mitchell of St. Paul, MN; Charles D. Brown of Brentwood, NY; Karen J. Fisher of Westmont, IL; Mark Phillips of Johnsons City, TN; David Schorer of Federal Way, WA; Ken Hopkins of Springfield, OH; and Michael Shawn Gilbert of Tucson, AZ (who says, "Tenzil should time-travel to our era and get into politics. With his acting experience, he could go far. Help take a bite out of bureaucracy. Tenzil Kern for president in '92").

• Gary Kryvko of Chicago and Guy W. West of Tallahassee, FL, both gave Tenzil thumbs-up and suggested he stick around to organize a new Legion of Substitute-Heroes. But we protest that Tenzil's place is beyond doubt as a full-fledged Legionnaire. Accept no substitutes!

• Another entertained reader, B.J. "Tsiok" Tsiokon of Newburgh, NY, writes, "The fact that [Keith] doesn't have a plot assist credit for the Tenzil story has me a bit worried. I thought at least Tom & Mary were sane." Wrong again! Hee-hee-hal!

• With a couple of our more vocal critics recently questioning the ratio of negative-to-positive mail we've been printing, we decided to take a random sampling of the letters that we actually receive and grade them according to that standard and see what ratio comes out.

The random period got selected for us, since there was about a six-week gap in the changeover of editors between Michael and Dan before the mail was forwarded. And for the stack that collected in that time, 20% was negative mail, 17% we classified as mixed or neutral (often questions or suggestions) and 63% was positive. That's a three-to-one positive-to-negative ratio, which is pretty consistent with what we've been receiving all along (and we feel, what we've been printing all along).

• Readers of our friendly sister publication *L.E.G.I.O.N.* '91, including Sean Sinclair of Kensington, MD, have been wondering why Lar Gand doesn't remember Phase from his stint in *L.E.G.I.O.N.* '90 and go and report the missing Phantom Girl when he travels to the 30th century. We expect to at least partially address that matter in next year's annual, which, we hope, will answer most of your Valor questions.

NEXT: Just where *did* the Khunds get this new, unstoppable warrior technology? And where will they strike next?



MINUTEMEN



Emerald Empress